



Resolution #21-03-11

**RESOLUTION TO LIFT SANCTIONS
BLOCKING COVID RELIEF TO VULNERABLE POPULATIONS**

WHEREAS, US economic sanctions are strangling the economies of multiple countries suffering extreme hardships during the COVID-19 pandemic, with the most vulnerable populations—pregnant women, children, older adults, the chronically ill—in Iran, Cuba, Syria, Venezuela, North Korea, Libya, Zimbabwe, Central African Republic, Sudan struggling without adequate food, electricity, medicine, medical supplies, masks and respirators during this global pandemic;

WHEREAS, U.S. sanctions violate international law under the UN Charter and the Fourth Geneva Convention, and constitute another form of warfare in which countries like Iran or Venezuela find their assets frozen in banks controlled by the US and its allies, and unable to access humanitarian relief because banks, insurance companies and other private corporations fear secondary sanctions should they provide loans, insurance or shipments of humanitarian relief.

WHEREAS, the US imposes sanctions under the guise of a human rights campaign, when in reality “maximum pressure campaigns” are meant to weaken and undermine sovereign governments, such as Cuba or Venezuela, that do not serve the interests of the United States or multinational corporations.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED That the Democratic Party of Orange County, calls on the Biden administration to issue a temporary worldwide general license to lift the sanctions impeding the importation of food, medicine and other supplies during this global pandemic.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That the Democratic Party of Orange County supports reconsideration and suspension of broad U.S. economic sanctions as violations of international law that impose collective punishment on the most vulnerable populations.

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